Appl. No. 09/851,580

Amdt. dated August 05, 2008

Reply to Office action of July 10, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs.11-12. These sheets replace the original sheets that include Figs. 11-12.

5 Changes to Figs. 11-12 include adding, deleting and correcting some of the reference numbers. And these changes are detailed in the REMARKS section of this response. No new matter has been introduced.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheet 2 pages

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Specification

The 08/20/03 proposed abstract is non-compliant and cannot be entered. Appropriate correction is required.

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Response:

The abstract is amended to correct the informalities instructed by the examiner and the minor errors after checking. No new matter is entered. Consideration of the amendment to the abstract is respectfully requested.

2. Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application.

20 Response:

Amendments to Figs. 11-12 required by the Examiner to include the following reference numbers mentioned in the description are made:

- (1) #73 in Fig. 11, depicting the mask pattern in paragraph [0035] of the specification;
 - (2) #74 in Fig. 11, being added for depicting the band in paragraph [0035] of the specification; and
 - (3) #78 and 79, being deleted from Fig. 12 as instructed by the examiner.

No new matter is entered. Consideration of the amendment to Figs. 11-12 is respectfully requested.

5 3. Claim Objections

Claims 1-2 are objected to because of informalities. Appropriate correction is required.

Response:

10 Claim 1 is amended in order to overcome the claim objection as set forth on page 4 of the above detailed Office action. In claim 1, the verb informality of "doing not" has been replaced with "do not" as instructed by the examiner. No new matter is introduced and reconsideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

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Claim 2 is dependent on claim 1 and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is allowed.

4. Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicants regard as the invention.

Response:

U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth on page 4 of the above detailed Office action. Claim 1 is amended to recite that "...first exposure regions that are lines parallel with each and separated by unexposed parallel lines on the photoresist layer..." and

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"...performing a second exposure process to form second exposure regions on the photoresist layer that cut the unexposed parallel lines..." as instructed by the examiner. No new matter is introduced and reconsideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

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Claim 2 is dependent on claim 1 and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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